

Federal Forest Reserve

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

In 1908, Congress enacted a law that requires 25% of the revenues derived from the National Forest System to be given to counties in which the lands are situated for the equal benefit of public schools and roads. Pursuant to Public Law No. 106-393, enacted on October 30, 2000, counties could elect to remain under the 25% Payment Method with fluctuating funding levels or change to the Full Payment Method, that requires these revenues to fund either Title II or Title III projects under the Act. The county elected the Full Payment Method.

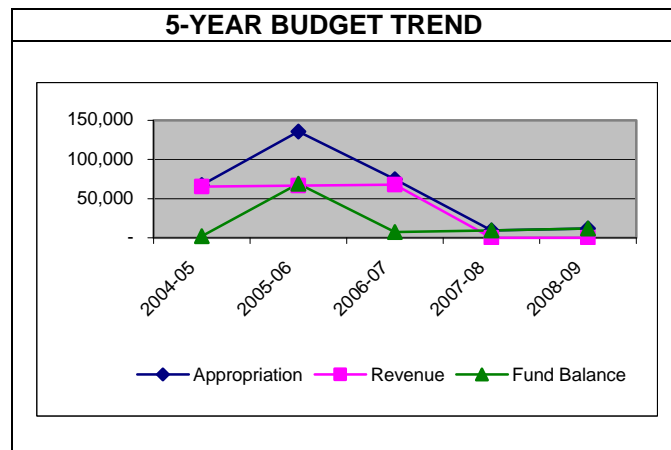
Title II project funds may be used for the purpose of making additional investments in, and creating additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality. Authorized uses for Title III projects include search, rescue, and emergency services; community service work camps, easement purchases; forest-related educational opportunities; fire prevention and county planning; and community forestry. Title III funding is utilized by County Fire Department to develop fire prevention and community forestry projects that are necessary for the protection of people and property.

The county can select project(s), provided there is a description of the proposed project in the publications of the local record and a 45-day public comment period. The Clerk of the Board is directed to publish a 45-day notice of intent to use the Federal Title III Agriculture Forest Reserve Payment funds for proposed project expenditures including but not limiting to County Fire Department or the Public Works Department.

Congress terminated this funding on September 30, 2006. However, on July 28, 2007, Congress reinstated the funding for an additional year. For 2008-09, the status of this program is unknown. Currently, there is an effort underway to have a one-year extension included with a supplemental war bill that is pending Federal approval. However, pending notification, the county will anticipate the closure of this budget unit and the balance of the funds will be transferred to the Public Works Department to pay for fire prevention/planning efforts.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

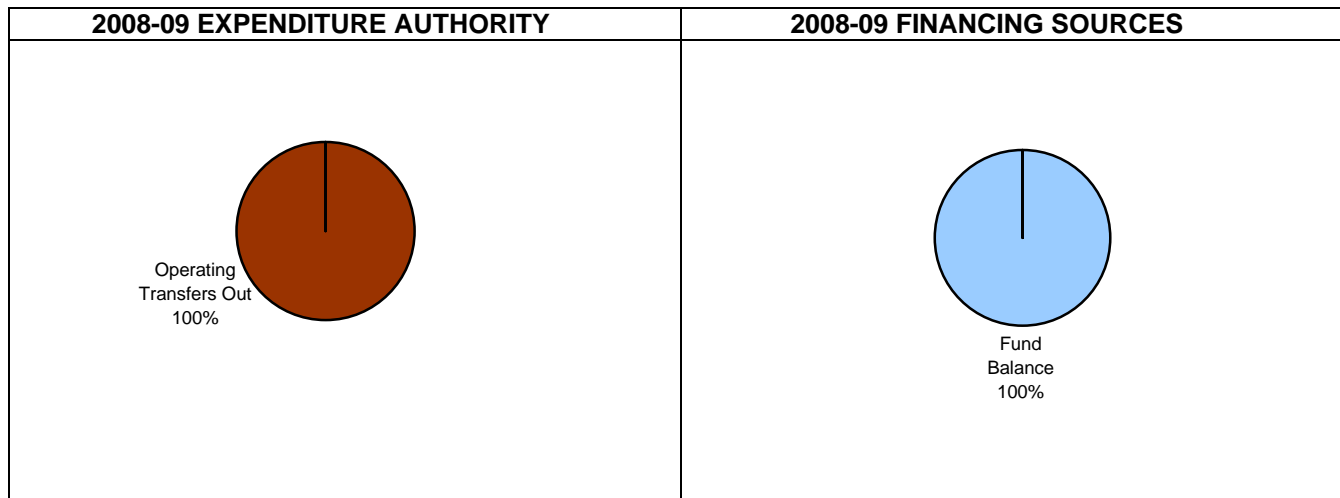
BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Modified Budget	2007-08 Estimate
Appropriation	-	132,572	67,743	76,358	67,000
Departmental Revenue	66,995	70,599	69,933	67,000	69,445
Fund Balance				9,358	

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Administrative/Executive
DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office
FUND: Federal Forest Reserve

BUDGET UNIT: SFB CAO
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Other Protection

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Estimate	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Proposed Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Operating Transfers Out	-	132,572	67,743	67,000	9,358	11,803	2,445
Total Requirements	-	132,572	67,743	67,000	9,358	11,803	2,445
Departmental Revenue							
Use Of Money and Prop	775	2,856	1,513	1,165	-	-	-
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	66,220	67,743	68,420	68,280	-	-	-
Total Revenue	66,995	70,599	69,933	69,445	-	-	-
Fund Balance					9,358	11,803	2,445

The 2008-09 proposed budget reflects the termination of the program and the transfer of the remaining fund balance to the Public Works Department. If the United States Department of Agriculture notifies the county that Congress had extended the Title III program, the County Administrative Office will take appropriate actions to receive the funding and to modify the budget.

